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FOREWORD

The author of "America," Theodor Beckstrom, a native of Stockholm, Sweden, and more recently of the United States, was an energetic worker in the recent Conference on the Limitation of Armament, at Washington, D. C., and for thirty-five years he has worked untiringly in his efforts to aid in securing International Peace and for the upliftment of humanity. He is well known among the civilized as well as the heathen nations. He is also well known in Diplomatic circles throughout the world. Seeking the "Germs" of unrest existing among the human race, he is endeavoring to move the cloud of falsehood which enshrouds Europe, but recognizes the great task involved through personal experience in trying to arouse the 100,000,000 American people's interest of National proposition with clearness, force and emphasis, to plant the Almighty Dollar on American soil and waterways first.

"AMERICA"

THE AUTHOR argues God has supplied America with lakes and rivers the equal of which do not exist in any other country, and for five years he has endeavored to secure high water in the rivers and ocean traffic into the great lakes in America. As conditions are the railroad systems block the rivers and lakes, thereby increasing, instead of reducing, the rates of transportation.

In September of 1918, when our soldier boys were engaged in service across the ocean, he was waging quite a battle in Washington, D. C., in an endeavor to secure for our boys over

there liberty equal to that enjoyed by those who remained in America, and he also worked to secure legislation that should pave the way to the Freedom of the Seven Seas, such as would insure employment for those of our soldiers who survived the battles and returned to their native land, and although his effort in that respect met the same fate as did Mr. Wilson's Fourteen Points, the author is undaunted and still resolved to continue fighting in the cause, hopes eventually to aid in securing permanent peace and justice for all.

From September 12, 1921, until February 10, 1922, the author has labored untiringly without pay as a public servant, hoping to convince the representatives of other countries and assist in adjusting the difficulties which have produced chaos, resulting in the creation of a seething cauldron of hunger-crazed people with the civilization of Europe hanging in the balance.

In an effort to locate the Germ origin of the restless labor situation, the author has devoted three years to touring the United States, one year of which he remained in the world's metropolis, New York, defraying his own expenses. His experience and observation while engaged in this pursuit in other parts of the world to get the original conception and to work out the rugged truth, which nestles closer to human understanding when told in the simple language of everyday life, has been of great assistance to him. A record of his labors in the cause from 1886 is on file in the Prof. Alfred B. Nobel Institute, in Stockholm, Sweden.

The author believes that his labors will bear fruitage in later time and that the European Diplomats will understand that the progressiveness of the United States has enabled America to remove the money control from Britain, and that the only way to world recognition is to follow America, the forerunner, for truth to-day as in the past has been shunned.

From the beginning of the World War the Diplomats have concealed the warning given, that the war was but a similar struggle to that of 400 years ago, when, on April 18, 1521, Martin Luther, the little Monk, then a pathetic figure, now an heroic one, appeared before the Imperial Congress of the old German or Holy Roman Empire at Worms, which event marks one of the greatest occasions in the history of the world. It has seemed as impossible for man to halt the World War as it was to delay the progress of the Reformation.

Without Martin Luther Sweden would never have learned of King Gustaf Vasa, who aroused the Swedes, also, his grandson, King Gustaf II, Adolph, who, in November, 1632, ended the thirty years' Reformation war, thus saving Reformation, after which George Washington, with others, formed the Constitution of the United States of America; Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves, and the American soldiers crossed the ocean to aid in securing that freedom for others which America bestows upon her people.

On October 3, 1921, the author received from Secretary of Commerce, Hon. H. Hoover, a communication expressing his gratitude for services rendered at Washington, D. C., in connection with work relative to the Unemployed Conference. Also, the following letter, one of twenty or more from other Government officers, is self-explanatory:

CONFERENCE ON THE LIMITATION OF ARMAMENT

SECRETARIAT GENERAL. November 17, 1921.

Sir:

I am directed by the Secretary of State, the chairman of the Conference, to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, which has been read with attention.

I am charged to express to you his appreciation of the interest and support which you have been so good as to evince.

Yours very truly,
Signed T. G. D. PAUL,
For the Secretary General.

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"AMERICA"

Come, one and all, on the deck of *America*.
And salute Captain Harding on the deck of *America*
Which our father, George Washington, in Spirit, built for America.
To prevent decay he used oak in building the *America*.
And it has withstood all storms against America.
Although the first voyage was hard for *America*.

But the Spiritual power was aboard and helped America.
To determine upon a practical formula for America's
Voluminous and bewildering work in America
And the subject of navigation on the ship *America.*
With the Spirit and all sail at the flagtop on *America.*
The Spirit gave them smooth sailing on *America.*

And Old Glory was swaying on *America.*
All around the Seven Seas were seen ships from America,
With Captain Abraham Lincoln on the deck of *America,*
To chase John Bull's slave pirate from America.
The ship was lost, but the slaves were free in America.
Since that day Britania has had power over the seas of America.

The slaves were given Spiritual freedom in America.
Which, in a spiritual way, proves to the world from America,
That Liberty was the vanguard of Spiritual Christianity in America.
God gave to Britain Livingstone, like unto Lincoln in America,
Who prayed Queen Victoria for power as is in America.
Like the slaves Lincoln freed, who hungered for the Spirit in America,

But Victoria lacked authority, which Lincoln had in America.
The House of Lords declined to heed his prayers for Liberty as in America.
And this to-day hampers all missionaries from America.
With the needed power to emancipate the slaves as in America.
In Liberty, Justice and Equality the world will have to follow America.
Although the House of Lords said not to follow the American,

For they did not want the missionaries to do as in America,
Talk of Liberty, Justice and Equality, as in America.
But preach of the Spirit and Christianity as they do in America.
In Liberty, Justice and Equality Britania will not follow America.
Since the day Britania gained power over the Seas and America.
To-day it is different from then in America.

When John Ericsson's *Monitor* fought the *Merrimac* for America
And brought about a great Revolution in America.
Wooden vessels were relegated to the rear in America.
And steel vessels were brought to the front in America.
This victory saved the National Capital in America
From bombardmnt and possible destruction of America.

Truth knows no preference in America;
It asks no favors and makes no apologies in America.
It simply demands a fair hearing here in America.
This I gave in a spiritual way in print to America
In the 1912 political campaign in America.
I had a very clear Spirit vision given me to save America.

As the people did not know in America
The difference between fake and fact in America.
This vision, as were others I received, was to save America.
The article, if you remember, was printed in America.
The headline was "What Is the Difference Between Fake and Fact" in America.
Signed only with an interrogation mark in America.

The people did not listen to my plea to save America,
To command respect abroad and be happy at home in America,
But gave their vote for fake in America.
The Captain who followed to pilot *America*
After George Washington, the builder of *America*.
Was thrown overboard with the ship *America*.

The vote was given to Woodrow Wilson to pilot *America*,
But the Spirit was always willing to save America,
So I received from the Spirit another vision to save Americans.
The first day Woodrow Wilson was in the Chair in America,
The 4th of March, 1913, he heard from me in America:
I wrote a long telegram to save Democracy in America,

Wishing him success in all his work in America.
And that Democracy should succeed in America.
Not as Democracy in Europe, fail, but save America.
He first had to secure from the Spirit the Democratic key in America.
Which was in a fire and burglar-proof safe in America,
And when he secured that Democratic key in America

He should have turned it over to the people of America.
He did not listen to my plea to save the people of America,
But withheld the key to himself for eight years in America,
Nor permitted his Cabinet members to see the key of America.
All I have asked: Have you seen Wilson's key in America.
Say they do not know what Democracy is in America.

And ask me to study Democracy in Europe, not in America.
Wilson gave to me good proof of Democracy in America.
First of the "good things" he started to break down in America.
Was that which the Republican party had built up in sugar progress in America.
That was the reason you paid 25 cents for sugar in America,
And in 1914-15 the cotton, barley and rye crop in America

Was sold for a song to Wall Street in America.
When the war broke out Wilson was not much interested in America.
But had placed his faith in John Bull instead of the people in America.
The British Lords proclaimed in the press of America
They had men, weapons and food to fight without help from America
For five years to get the Kaiser's pantaloons to America.

After they had been removed, as a proof to America,
John Bull rules the Seven Seas and needs help from America.
It did not take them long to come to America
And knock at Wilson's door to get billions of dollars in America,
Plenty of food, weapons and ammunition in America,
But John Bull needed also soldiers from America.

There was plenty of money in the Federal Treasury in America
For European, but none for the farmers in America.
Had he helped the farmers and others in America
And followed the farewell address of George Washington in America.
To-day we would have a big Federal percentage of that money in America,
But Captain Woodrow Wilson, single-handed, steered the Ship *America*

Adjusting the compass after John Bull on *America*.
In the same way John Bull had power in the press of America.
What difference—Rasputin in Russia; Wilson in America?
Rasputin flim-flammed the Czar in Russia; Wilson the people in America.
The Russians suffer under the yoke until they get freedom as here in America
And the people here did not want any League of Nations in America.

The Freedom of the Seven Seas is wanted for America
That we may use our own coal and oil in the ship from America.
The American Spirit gave world control of money exchanges to America
Having taken that power from Britania and given it to America.
And in the same manner we got rid of the League of Nations in America,
We will get the freedom on the Seven Seas into America.

Now we have a new captain, Harding, to pilot the ship *America*.
Whom should put his trust in the Spirit and his mates on the ship *America*
So the Spirit will give to them good wind for the ship *America*.
We should not expect to build up in a year or two in America
What Wilson, in eight years, broke down in America.
It is easier to pull down than build up here in America.

Harding urged political and economical equality to negroes in America,
Which will increase the progress of America,
For the main thing is work for all in America.
Slaves in Britania and French colonies should have it, as here in America
And do the same as Lincoln and Harding for America.
The world will then be ready to talk of Peace as here in America.

The American Spirit is the same to-day as then in America.
Nothing is bound in chains here in America.
All may partake freely of what they want in America.
First is needed energy, loyalty and enthusiasm in America.
With a full measure of Spirit here in America,
Which was the foundation and keel of America.

If you compare in Spirit. Harding to Washington and Lincoln
for America
Our religion, spirituality and morality, must be better in
America
New Zealand is the haven for Socialists, not America.
If Eugene Debs had listened to me for America
As did Will Hays, we would have better morals in America.
Two years ago I warned the Inter-Church World Movement in
America.

Uncle Sam. for better morals, has killed King Alcohol in America.
Science and progress grow more rapidly than morality in
America.
A drunkard steering an auto in the streets in America
Can do more injury than a robber with a gun in the street in
America.
The time is now ripe to give heed to REASON in America
And say as did Charles E. Hughes in America.

When, smiling, he said: "It is a very simple question" in
America.
"If the people of the world will use reason" as here in America.
"To secure an enduring peace" with America.
Ask the strikers to use reason in America.
If you would be a 100-per-cent. American
Don't follow Emma Goldman, who made no progress either in
Russia or America.

In a spiritual way talk Philadelphia all over America,
The Spiritual birthplace of the Nation of America.
When Washington's spirit changed the tone of the Bell in
America.
From slavery to Liberty, Equality and Justice in America.
Sesqui-Centennial Exposition, the 150th Anniversary of America,
Shall, in a spiritual way, arouse the whole world to follow
America.

When we have Spirit and Reason on board the ship *America.*
We can say as Washington said to John Bull. "Leave America."
And sail smoothly through the Panama Canal with *America.*
Then around the Seven Seas with the Ships from America.
And Britania will then look up to America
When the Spirit is on board that great ship *America.*

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